

The 2011 Congressional Art Competition

"An Artistic Discovery"

Facts

WHAT: The 30th Annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the US Congress.

WHY: **AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY** provides Congress and the public with the opportunity to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans at a time when budgets of local organizations and art-in-education programs are being curtailed.

TIME/TABLE: **March 18:** Registration forms due in Congressman Welch's Vermont office.

April 8: All artwork must be received at one of the delivery sites listed on the attached page. Artwork submitted after this date is not guaranteed consideration in the competition.

April 28: Art show opens at T.W. Wood Art Gallery, Montpelier, VT.

May 9: 30th Annual Congressional Art Competition and Awards Ceremony.

May 24: Winning piece of art due in Washington, DC to be displayed with other Congressional District winners.

TBD: Congressional District first place winners will go to Washington, DC for opening reception.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Originality
2. Clearly expressed content
3. Not reproduced from a 3rd party's work
4. Not a violation of U. S. Copyright Laws

AWARD DISTRIBUTION:

- First place winner
- Second place winner
- Third place winner
- Judges' Choice winners
- Honorable mentions
- Congressman Welch's choices
- People's Choice

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2011 Congressional Art Competition Rules

Student Eligibility

Students must attend a high school, middle/high school, alternative school, vocational or technical school, or be a high school-level home school student. It is at the discretion of the school's art department whether artwork from middle level students at a combined middle/high school may be submitted.

A student must be a legal resident of Vermont for his or her artwork to be considered for first place.

A non-resident student may submit artwork for consideration for another prize.

Artwork Eligibility

Entries must be flat and two-dimensional.

Entries must not exceed dimensions of 26" x 26" x 4". Artwork cannot weight more than 15 lbs.

*** Please note that the dimensions have changed from previous years. This is due to changes with the national art competition requirements.*

Entries must fit within one of the following categories:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)
- Collage: **must be** two-dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed media (use of more than 2 mediums such as pencil, ink etc.)
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Entries must be the student's original artwork and may not be a copy or print of the student's original.

Entries must not be reproduced from a 3rd party's work and must not be a violation of U.S. Copyright Law.

Entries must be **matted** or on **cardboard backing**, but may not be framed behind glass or Plexiglas.

The label from the registration form must be **attached** to the Entry.

Entries that do not meet these requirements will not be judged, and will only be displayed if space is available in the gallery.

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Directions for Delivery

1. Artwork must be received between **March 21** and **April 8**.
2. The Artwork Entry Label must be **attached** to the artwork.
3. Artwork must be delivered **ready to hang**. This means that wire or some other mechanism for hanging must be affixed to the back of the matte. ***Artwork that is not completely dry when delivered or in a condition other than ready to hang may or may not be displayed depending upon available space.***
4. Artwork must arrive in a **portfolio** or other **packaging** ***EVEN IF*** you are delivering by hand.
5. Artwork can be received in either of the following ways:

The Congressional office can receive art by **hand delivery** or by **mail**. The office is open from 8am to 5pm.

Office of Congressman Welch

Contact: Victoria Jones

Phone: (888) 605-7270

Address: 30 Main Street, Suite 350
Burlington, VT 05401

The following locations can receive art by **hand delivery**. Please **call ahead** for hours of availability:

Community College of Vermont-Rutland

Contact: Chris Etori

Phone: (802) 786-0015

Address: 24 Evelyn Street
Rutland, VT 05701

T.W. Wood Art Gallery

Contact: Joyce Mandeville

Phone: (802) 828-8743

Address: Vermont College
36 College Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Southern Vermont Recreation Center

Contact: Christian Craig

Phone: (802) 885-2568

Address: 140 Clinton Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Catamount Arts

Contact: Jerry Aldredge

Phone: (802) 748-2600

Address: 139 Eastern Avenue
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819